

AGIC 2020 Conference Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, April 16, 2020
10:00 am

In Attendance:

Kevin Blake
Robert Bush
Patrick Connolly-Boutin
John Danloe
Jami Dennis
Shawny Ekadis
Seth Franzman
Nicole Funicello
Teresa Gregory
Jason Howard
Shea Lemar
Jenna Leveille
Lucas Murray
Aryn Musgrave
Jennifer Psillas
Aparna Thatte
Cheryl Thurman
Gene Trobia
Mike Walck
Steve Whitney
Jeff Wilkerson
Troy Wiora

Committee coordination and meeting operation:

- Whether or not to cancel this year's conference –
 - Will attendees come?
 - Will sponsors come?
 - What is our liability if someone gets sick?
 - What the state of the economy may be in during that time period, and how that may affect attendees, and sponsors.
- Alternatives if we cancel –
 - Virtual sessions
 - Virtual training
 - TeachMeGIS
- Venue is also holding the week of Oct. 19 (setup) – 23
- Discussion notes –
 - Would all the work that is put in to planning the conference be worth it if we end up signing the contract and then cancelling?
 - Survey the attendees or the Council members?
 - This would be valuable for presenting to the Council

- Our recommendation to the Council is that we cancel the conference and do not sign the contract
- We do want to replace the physical conference with virtual offerings
- What other questions may the Council have?
 - Dates –
 - During the course of a week
 - On and off over the course of a couple of weeks, or more
 - Limits to virtual conference systems, and whether or not we would need to pay for this
 - All offerings would be free
- Virtual options –
 - Need to see if State Land's Webex has a limit
 - Could explore Zoom
 - No full day sessions, and more along the lines of a series of offerings
 - Theme days, such as LiDAR, UAS, Natural Resources, etc.
 - Consider simultaneous sessions
 - Do we pursue sponsorship?
 - Would one or more of the sponsors be willing to share their virtual conferencing system?
 - Some are doing that now for the webinars that they are doing
 - Look at recording sessions
 - We should test this
 - Would there be a participant limit for hands-on workshops?
 - Different solutions for different levels
 - Do we need to be concerned about the number of participants, e.g. non-AZ folks
 - Consider different tiers of participation, e.g. free for some, but a fee for others
 - If fees are involved, then this would affect our use of the meeting planners, and the PO that we have with them
 - This is one of those years in which we should give back to the community, and not charge any fees for participation
 - Include networking sessions
 - Include social sessions
- See if the keynote would be willing to participate virtually

Action Items:

Jenna – Research Webex limits to the number of participants, and options for purchasing a larger package, for maybe a month time period

Patrick – Check to see if Consortech would be able to share their virtual conferencing system

Steve – Contact TeachMeGIS to discuss 1) their potential participation, and 2) limits to the number of virtual students

??? – Notify keynote, sponsors, and past participants that we are cancelling, and will be looking to provide virtual options -> wait until after the Council meeting